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In re the Application of: **Hidekazu Michioka et al.**

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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2010 and having a response due date set for May 26, 2010. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

A concurrently filed one month Petition for Extension of Time extends the period of response to end on June 28, 2010.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.